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Attorney Docket 065905-0249

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Akinori IWASE et al.  
Title: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
Appl. No.: 10/073,894  
Appl. Filing Date: 02/14/2002  
Examiner: T. Nguyen  
Art Unit: 3661

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☒ **Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on January 16, 2004.**

b. Enclosed are:

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01 FC:1252  
02 FC:1801

420.00 OP  
770.00 OP

☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate            | Fee Totals        |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>RCE Fee 1.17(e):</b>                              |                   |                     |                      | <b>\$770.00</b> | <b>= \$770.00</b> |
| Total Claims:  | 20                | - 22                | = 0                  | x \$18.00       | = \$0.00          |
| Independents   | 2                 | - 3                 | = 0                  | x \$86.00       | = \$0.00          |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                   |                     |                      | + \$290.00      | = \$0.00          |
| <b>CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:</b>                             |                   |                     |                      |                 | <b>= \$770.00</b> |

☒ Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

|                                     |  |                 |   |                 |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the first month:         | \$110.00        | 0 | \$0.00          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Extension for response filed within the second month:</b> | <b>\$420.00</b> |   | <b>\$420.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the third month:         | \$950.00        |   | \$0.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the fourth month:        | \$1,480.00      |   | \$0.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:         | \$2,010.00      |   | \$0.00          |
| EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:             |  |                 |   | \$420.00        |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -       |  |                 |   | \$0.00          |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL                 |  |                 |   | \$420.00        |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:     |  |                 |   | \$1190.00       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):               |                 |   | \$0.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)    |                 |   | \$0.00          |
| TOTAL FEE:                          |  |                 |   | \$1190.00       |

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1190.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$1190.00 to cover the RCE filing fee and a two month extension of time fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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